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1. General Cabell informed me that he had attempted to reach Senator McCarthy, but the Senator was not available, so he informed the Senator's assistant that we had noted that the Senator planned a trip to the Far East and that if the Senator desired we would be pleased to give him a briefing on the area prior to his departure. The General felt that he would take two briefing officers to the Senator's office, and agreed with my suggestion that it might be preferable to brief Senator McCarthy at CIA. He inquired whether it might be advisable for him to stay throughout the briefing and I stated that it would be highly desirable, and that I would also like to be present. General Cabell stated that there were two reasons why he would be opposed to my being present: 1) a general feeling that in matters of this kind it would be inadvisable always to be accompanied by a lawyer; and 2) it would give an opportunity to explain our policy of compartmentalization. I pointed out to the General that the only thing it would succeed in doing would be seriously to weaken the hand of his legislative man. General Cabell stated that he did not wish to weaken the hand of his legislative man, and in order to avoid doing so he suggested that I either take him up to meet Senator McCarthy at the time of the briefing or bring the Senator in and introduce him and then leave. I told General Cabell that I would prefer not to appear in the picture in any respect rather than make the introduction and leave. General Cabell appeared surprised at this position and we did not discuss it further.

2. General Cabell has authorized an approach to be made to Governor Langlie of Washington to offer him a briefing prior to his trip to Europe. The Contact Division will make the appropriate arrangements for a briefing, which we prefer be held in Washington, D. C.

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